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## **RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

## Dear Examiner Singh:

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated May 17, 2006. If there are any fees necessitated by the foregoing communication, please charge such fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-0959, referencing our Docket No. 109771.0238.

Also enclosed is a Terminal Disclaimer to Obviate a Provisional Double Patenting Rejection over a Pending "Reference" Application.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2.

Amendments to the specification begin on page 8.